

LHRC Sub-Committee Meeting
Minutes
Friday, October 18th, 2013
863 Glenrock Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

Board Members Present

Felicia Sawyer
Trink Dahl-Prince

Board Members Absent

Joseph Yule

Others Present

Kenneth Moody – LAWCCS, LLC
Nina Moskowitz – VB DHS
Jane Sinnott – VB DHS
Cynthia Davis – U First Inc.
Shareem Owens – Eagles Nest, LLC
Stewart Prost – OHR
Lora Rose – CAI
Crystal Ferrara – VB DHS
Shawn Beasley – Blueprints for Youth & Families
Robin Haverty – Hope House Foundation
Melissa Constantine – Chesapeake CSB
Donna B. Kellam/Debra J. Wharton – Eastern Shore CSB
Juanda Antrum – Person Centered Place, LLC
Jennifer Stewart – VB DHS

Absent

Jayson Johnson – Community S.H.A.R.E., LLC
Michael Burke – Burke Family Care, LLC
M.J. Jarding – Refuge Manor
Vina Callahan – Mobile Mental Health
Karen Smith – Paradigm House

Call to Order

The Friday, October 18th, 2013 LHRC meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. Trink Dahl-Prince presiding. The meeting was conducted as sub-committee meeting, as there was not a quorum present.

Announcements

Trink Dahl-Prince announced that Mr. Kenneth Moody is the new secretary who is updating everybody's information; Felicia Sawyer is our newest board member and Mr. Joseph Yule won't be present today due to a back injury. The 2014 Calendar dates and will be available on the website as a separate item and are as follows: January 17th, April 18th, July 18th and October 17th.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made, seconded and approved to pass the meeting agenda for October 18th, 2013 LHRC Sub-Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes couldn't be approved due to not having a quorum.

New Business

Chesapeake Behavioral Management Policy was approved but has to be reaffirmed next meeting
Virginia Beach – Human rights policy and procedures was approved but has to be reaffirmed next meeting. (Active)

Old Business

State committee is looking at changing quarterly reports to be in CHRIS. Abuse allegations, deaths and complaints all go into the CHRIS data base. Google Chrome and Safari won't access it. Internet Explorer 8 or older allows full access. Contact Susan Tinsley in the central office if you're having any problems. For occasional problems, contact Mr. Prost.

Providers Reports

- Lifting As We Climb Community Services – Served 44 individuals, 0 allegations of abuse, 0 complaint cases, 0 resolutions and 0 violations.
- Eastern Shore CSB – 1 allegation of neglect (case closed) and 0 resolutions.
- Chesapeake, CSB - Served 830, 7 allegations of abuse/neglect, 3 complaints.
- Virginia Beach CSB - Served 6,629 individuals, 7 allegations of abuse, 6 out of 7 Neglect 11 Complaints resolved below the directors level
- U-First Inc. – Served 4 individuals, 0 complaints, 0 resolutions
- Person Centered Place, LLC Served - 13 individuals, 1 neglect case closed
- Hope House Foundation - Served 119 individuals, 2 allegations of abuse: all closed, 1 neglect unfounded
- Blueprints For Youth And Families - 0 Allegations of abuse, 0 complaints, 0 resolutions
- Eagles Nest LLC - Served 5 individuals, 0 allegations of abuse, 0 complaints
- Community Alternatives Inc. (CAI) - 4 allegations of abuse (all closed), 0 complaints

Membership Discussion

On September 27, 2013, this committee voted to recommend the removal of Mr. John Winfield from this LHRC due to lack of attendance. This matter will be considered by the State Human Rights Committee on October 25, 2013.

Advocate's Report

Mr. Prost gave each provider a CHRIS TIP SHEET and announced that training modules and minutes will be available to all Providers on the website. Human Rights Complaints and Abuse Allegations are to be emailed to the new secretary so it will be available to providers electronically. The eventual plan is replace all paper as much as possible. Mr. Prost stated that each provider's report should be mailed to the committee members two weeks prior to the LHRC meeting and providers are REQUIRED to have a representative, liaison at each meeting. Each License Specialist will be notified of non-compliant providers and a citation will be requested. Mr. Prost stated that the SHRC will meet at the River Side Behavior Health Center in Hampton, VA on Friday October 25, 2013 and offered invitations to all parties. Mr. Prost stated that it was important for committee members to continue recruiting potential members to ensure a quorum. Mr. Prost recommends that CAI do not include serious injuries in their quarterly reports. Mr. Prost states that providers must complete all page of their quarterly report, especially the last page. Mr. Prost informed providers that serious injury options are only yes or no. Any abuse allegations, complaints of alleged rights violations, serious injuries or deaths, anything you need to inform licensure of – need to be entered into the CHRIS data base. *Every time you put data into CHRIS – don't forget to hit the SAVE button. Many forms are being considered to be standardized. Regulations are in the process of being revised and complaint forms are being considered to be unified. Also, changes for how LHRC's operate are being considered.

Closed Session 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

The Virginia Beach Area LHRC went into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.0-37(A) in order to review a request from the Virginia Beach Department of Human Services for appointment of a Next Friend, review of restrictive programs submitted by Virginia beach DHS, and abuse/neglect reports from Community Alternatives, Eastern Shore CSB, Hope House Foundation, & Virginia Beach DHS. Upon coming out of closed session, each member certified that only matters not related to public business were considered and discussed during the Closed Session. The LHRC voted to recommend the appointment of the Next Friend by Virginia Beach DHS.

Adjournment

With no further business, the October 18th, 2013 LHRC meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.